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BELLEVILLE GUILD—Sunday morning, April 23, at 8 o'clock, a number of Catholic physicians and dentists of the Diocese assembled at St. Mary's hospital, East St. Louis, Illinois, for the annual meeting of the Catholic Physicians and Dentists' Guild of Belleville. Holy Mass was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Gruenewald, Moderator of the Guild. After the Gospel of the Mass, the Reverend Joseph Strzelec, Chaplain of the hospital, addressed the Guild in a short but timely sermon exhorting them to accept the analogy of the white corpuscles in the human blood stream which he compared to membership in the Mystical Body of Christ. He asked his hearers to vitalize their membership in the Mystical Body by the frequent reception of Holy Communion and by often visiting the Blessed Sacrament. In a very telling manner he referred to the love and kindness of the Good Shepherd.

After the Mass, the Sisters of the Hospital served breakfast. The business meeting followed, at which an address by Brother Michael Brangan, S.M., on "Our Catholic Literary Heritage" was the highlight. This address is printed in this issue of the *Linacre Quarterly*.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Nicholas H. Feder, president of the Guild. Dr. James J. Donahue gave the treasurer's report. The Guild decided to resume the campaign for clean reading especially relative to the drug stores and news stands of the larger cities. Dr. Guy Pfeiffer and Dr. Franklin Bauers, both Belleville physicians, were received as Guild members.

ST. LOUIS GUILD—The officers for the current year are President, Dr. James L. Mudd; Vice-President, Dr. Joseph A. Hardy, Jr.; Treas-

urer, Dr. Joseph Grindon, Jr.; Secretary, Dr. Alver H. Kerper.

The death of our great, distinguished and beloved Chaplain, Father Martin O'Malley, Rector of Kenrick Seminary, in September 1943, shocked us profoundly. We were indeed fortunate when His Excellency, the Most Reverend John J. Gleason, our Archbishop, appointed the Very Reverend Monsignor John P. Cody, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, as Father O'Malley's successor.

On January 26th, we had a splendid meeting, preceded by a dinner, at the Coronado Hotel. In spite of the heavy responsibilities which the war has brought to all physicians, we had an attendance of fifty-two. We designated January 26th as CASSIDY DAY, to honor Major Leslie D. Cassidy, M.C., who is with the 70th General Hospital and whose efforts were in a large measure responsible for the organization of our Guild.

On Sunday, May 14th, our Guild had its annual Mass and Communion at Kenrick Seminary. We attended a Solemn High Mass at 8 o'clock at which Father Cahill, Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the Seminary, was the celebrant. Students of the Seminary served as Deacon and Subdeacon. The music was beautifully rendered by the Seminary Choir. Immediately after the Mass, His Excellency, Archbishop Glennon, spoke briefly to us. He offered words of congratulation for our present success and exhorted us to continued effort.

Breakfast was served in the students' dining room, at which Dr. Joseph A. Hardy, Jr., our Vice-President presided, since our President, Dr. Mudd, was out of the city. The next general meeting is scheduled for October 19th.